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# **DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION**

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**VACUUM CLEANER WITH DETACHABLE CYCLONIC VACUUM MODULE**

*(Title of the Invention)*

the specification of which

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60/319,849	01/10/2003	
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10/249,113		03/17/2003	
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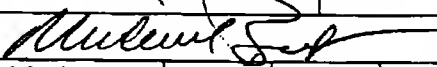
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